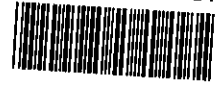




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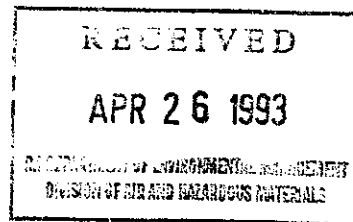
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21 April 1993

Mr. Dante Boffi, Director
Department of Transportation
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Providence, RI 02903



Dear Mr. Boffi:

On 1 May 1991, the Department approved a plan submitted on 16 April 1991 for the closure of the former Truk-Away Landfill located off Warwick Industrial Drive at the T. F. Green Airport.

It was anticipated that these closure activities would be completed by the end of the 1991 construction season. As of this date, the Department has not received any correspondence from the Division of Airports indicating when the closure plan will be implemented. Condition 3 of the 1 May 1991 approval letter required the submission of a schedule indicating the beginning and ending dates of all closure activities.

On 3 February 1993, the Division of Air and Hazardous Materials sent a letter to the Division of Airports requiring the submission of a schedule within ten (10) days indicating the beginning and ending dates for closure of the landfill. As of this date, no correspondence from the Division of Airports has been received on this matter.

The Department has also received on 10 March 1993 a copy of the results of an onsite reconnaissance conducted by CDM Federal Programs Corporation. These results indicate that access to the site is no longer secure, erosion continues to be a problem, and waste has become exposed. The exposed waste includes medical waste, electrical waste, household trash and other wastes. The report indicates that these conditions may pose a potential threat to nearby residents.

The Department is, therefore, requiring that these conditions be corrected immediately. All fences must be repaired to ensure that access to the landfill is controlled. All eroded areas must be stabilized. All exposed waste must be covered with clean fill immediately.

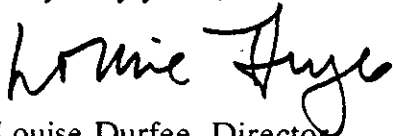
The Department must also receive a scheduled date for commencement of closure activities

by 30 April 1993. The Department has agreed to consider the use of alternate cover material to help reduce the costs for this project. Such materials may include dredge spoils with appropriate sampling and analysis, compost generated from sewage sludge and leaf and yard waste projects, or materials generated from the treatment of virgin petroleum contaminated soils. We expect that the landfill closure will be completed by the end of the 1993 construction season.

Due to the long delay in implementing the closure plan and the results of the recent EPA contractor's report, we hope you are in agreement that the Department of Transportation should proceed rapidly in the final close-out of this facility. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of enforcement actions by this Department and the EPA.

If you have any questions concerning the closure of this facility, please contact Ronald Gagnon of the Division of Waste Management at 277-2797.

Very truly yours,



Louise Durfee, Director
Department of Environmental Management

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March 18, 1993

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DIVISION OF AIR AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

DOCUMENT NO.: 7710-023-EP-BDXH

Dear Ms. Smith:

CDM Federal Programs Corporation's (CDM) field observations during an onsite reconnaissance on March 10, 1993 indicated that the Truk-Away Landfill may pose a potential threat to nearby residents (see Figure 1: Site Sketch). The following is a brief summary of CDM's findings:

- An approximate 25-foot section of the fence surrounding the site has been cut leaving a wide open space where dirt marks indicate the recreational dirt biking on the site. Well worn dirt trails lead an estimated 708 feet from the end of Bartlett Road to the fence opening.
- Children and a dog were observed playing in the street at the end of the road near the trails. There is no fence barring access to the trails from the street. Houses are located at the end of the road.
- The Truk-Away Landfill has not been capped and although fill has been placed over some areas, wind erosion has removed much of the existing cover. Types of waste observed uncovered on the landfill include medical waste, mercury film packs, paint cans, fly ash, household trash, and electrical waste. In addition, oily stained areas were observed.

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- Robert Partington, State Division of Airports (owner of the site), and John Leo, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, indicated that the landfill is impossible to secure due to constant vandalism.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (617) 742-2659.

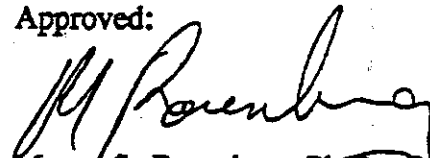
Very truly yours,

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Tara Abbott Taft
ARCS I Site Manager

Approved:



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cc: Nadine Raniere, EPA Project Officer
Don Smith, EPA Acting RI Site Assessment Manager



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SITE INSPECTION PRIORITIZATION Truk-Away Landfill Site Sketch

Source: 1976 Radius Plan and 1991 Final Closure Plan

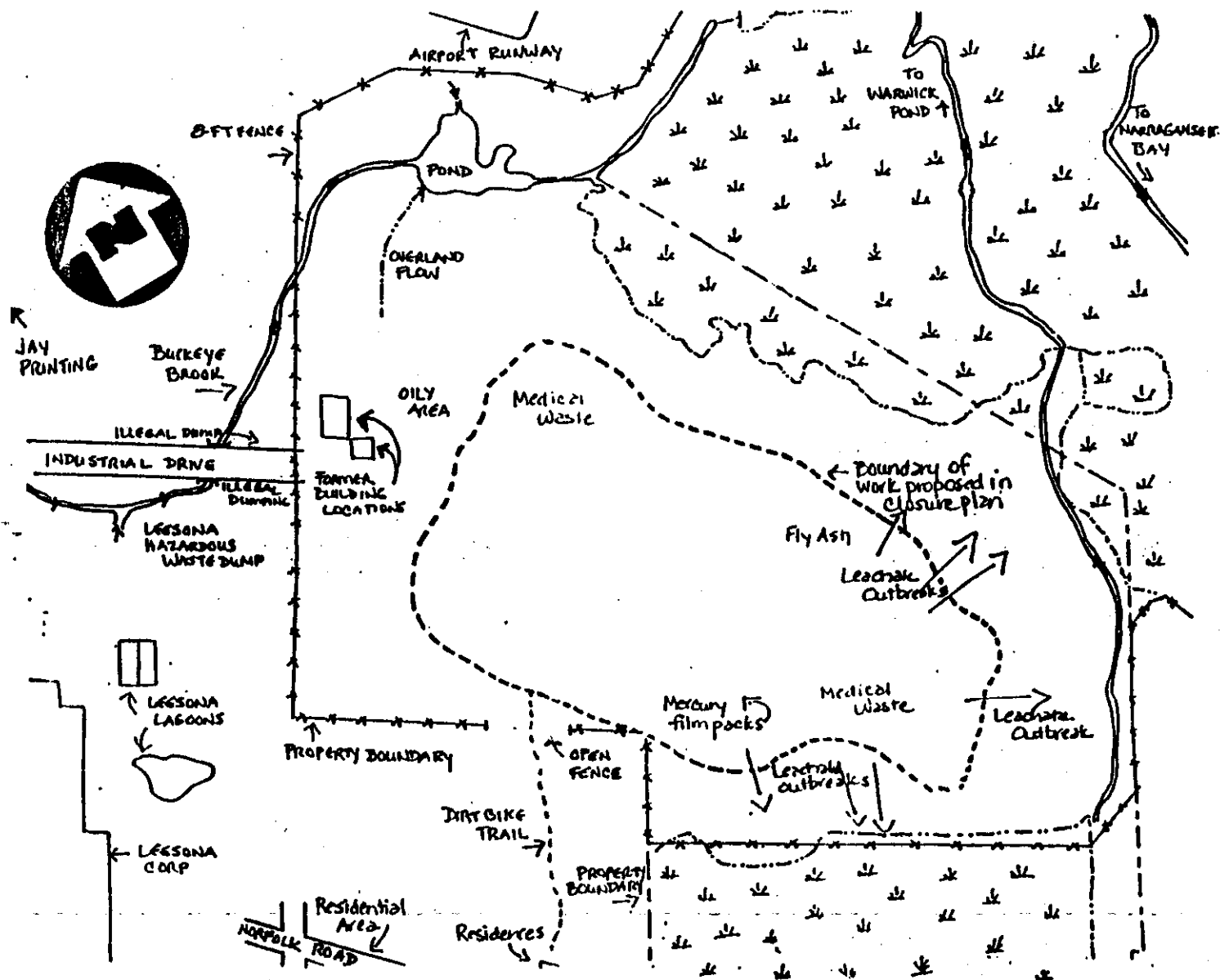


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